

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested. Claims 1-37 remain in the application and, as amended herein, are submitted for the Examiner's reconsideration.

Claims 3 and 19 have been amended solely to provide proper antecedence and to have the claims better conform to the requirements of U.S. practice. None of these amendments is intended to narrow the scope of any of these claims, and no new matter has been added by these amendments.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-37 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

The Examiner asserts that the claimed "determining means" is undefined within the specification. However, support for the "determining means" is found, e.g., in the "determination section" shown in FIG. 5 and described in paragraph [0078] of the specification.

The Examiner also indicated that paragraph [0009] "is unclear". The paragraph has been amended to correct the informalities. No new matter has been added by these changes.

It is therefore submitted that the claims are in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-37 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention.

Based on a telephone conference held with the Examiner on November 16, 2005, claims 1, 17, and 33-37 have been amended to correct the informalities. It is therefore submitted that

claims 1-37 are in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

The disclosure was also objected to by the Examiner. Claims 1, 17 and 33-37 and the portions of the specification that were cited by the Examiner have been amended to correct the informalities. No new matter has been added by these changes.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which the Examiner might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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Respectfully submitted,

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